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GDOT informing public about Eastman roundabout project

EASTMAN- On Monday, Dec. 14, the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Eastman will hold an informational meeting to discuss the roundabout design for the State Route (SR) 117/Griffin Street and Legion Drive intersection. The gathering is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Eastman City Hall at 333 College St.

Citizens will be able to view the design and ask Georgia DOT engineers questions related to the roundabout project. The Department won't be recording comments or offering a formal presentation.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the operational efficiency at the existing Griffin Street and Legion Drive intersection, while reducing the frequency and severity of crashes. Georgia DOT determined a roundabout would be the best solution based on current traffic patterns. The Department recently altered the proposed design from a 100-foot to an 80-foot diameter to lessen the impact on local rights-of-way.

The modern roundabout is a type of circular intersection defined by the basic operational principle of entering traffic yielding to vehicles on the circulatory roadway. Roundabouts have geometric features providing a reduced speed environment that offers substantial safety advantages and excellent operational performance. Studies show roundabouts reduce fatal and injury crashes from 60 to 87 percent at a given intersection.

Not only do roundabouts create a much safer intersection, the cost of construction and maintenance can be significantly lower than installing signals. Roundabouts improve traffic flow, while being friendlier to bikers and pedestrian. Semi-trucks will be able to move freely without stopping for long periods as well.

To learn more about roundabouts, visit
<http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/SafetyOperation/Roundabouts>.

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